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Kessar, Nissim in bid to break impasse

By AVI TEMKIN and MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar are to resume negotiations today on government funding for Kupat Holim Clalit, in an effort to break the current impasse. The lack of an accord on Kupat Holim has prevented the signing of the package deal between the Histadrut, the government and private employers.

The Histadrut demands that the government increase its aid to Kupat Holim to help finance increased costs stemming from the accord between the government and the nurses. It also wants more long-term credit and financing to develop special projects.

The Histadrut's demands total some NIS 150 million, according to the Treasury. Such spending would exceed the budget framework, Nissim said last week.

But ultimately the dispute will not prevent the signing of the package deal, Kessar said on Friday at the Commercial Club luncheon in Tel Aviv.

He noted that 83 per cent of the population relies on the services of the Histadrut's health fund, whose members number 3.5 million.

Blasting the government for blocking funds to Kupat Holim from January to April this year, Kessar noted that under former finance minister Simcha Ehrlich the government paid 30 per cent of the health fund's budget. In the next fiscal year, the government's participation will be 2.7 per cent, he said.

Kessar also accused the government of reneging on its commitment to the Histadrut to preserve subsidies and maintain a stable exchange rate for the shekel until March 31, 1987.

Hospital workers striking
The country's 33 government hospitals will be crippled by a strike of some 18,000 maintenance and administrative workers. Doctors, who are scheduled to strike on Tuesday, will be on duty tomorrow.

The strike will affect the provision of electricity, gas, food, and cleaning services.

The workers claim that they earn the minimum wage and called for the implementation of the Padah Commission recommendations that their wages be linked to those of workers in the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit hospitals.

Fresh threat to Aquino regime
MANILA (Reuters). - The Philippine military went on full "red alert" today with hundreds of heavily-armed troops guarding the presidential palace after a warning of a new plot brewing against President Corason Aquino's government.



Shalom Ohayon (left) is treated for his wounds while waiting for an ambulance yesterday near Damascus Gate. An Arab (right) attacked near the New Gate later receives first aid.

Hooligans retaliate with attack on Arabs Two Jewish youths stabbed in capital

By MENACHEM SHALEV
HAIM SHAPIRO and ELAINE FLETCHER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Two Jewish brothers were stabbed yesterday evening by unknown assailants, apparently Arabs, while shopping in the Khan e-Zeit bazaar in the Old City of Jerusalem. After being stabbed, they ran 500 metres to the Damascus Gate to seek help. A short while later, several Arab youths were beaten up near the Old City's New Gate.

In four separate incidents Arab youths were beaten up near the Old City - apparently on their way there from the Russian Compound where they had been questioned by police and released.

The two brothers, Avi Ohayon, 24, and his brother Shalom, 17, were attacked from behind at 5.30 p.m. while strolling in the Khan e-Zeit. Avi Ohayon's fiancée, Leah Azulai, witnessed the stabbing.

which were being closely monitored by the police. Shalom Ohayon suffered moderate injuries in the chest and neck and was operated on last night in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. His brother Avi, who sustained light injuries, was hospitalized at Bikur Holim Hospital.

Some 50 Arabs were rounded up for questioning and all the Arabs leaving the Old City were identified and questioned before being allowed to proceed.

Shalom Ohayon, an electrician at the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus, was in the operating room for over two hours after having lost substantial amounts of blood from his neck wound. A hospital spokesman said he was in stable condition and there was no danger to his life.

The two assailants were seen fleeing in the direction of the Jewish Quarter. The direction of their flight was described by police investigators as "strange" and prompted questions about the background to the incident. But Nitzav Rahamim Comfort, commander of the Police Southern District, said that the stabbing was most likely carried out for "nationalist-terrorist" reasons.

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Iraq hits Khomeini HQ, Iran advances on Basra

NICOSIA. - Iraq claimed a crack air force squadron bombed Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's Tehran headquarters, but Iran's state-run media said only that three civilians were killed in a raid by a lone fighter-bomber on its capital.

The raid came as Iran reported its forces widened a bridgehead in an 8-day-old offensive east of Basra, Iraq's second city, in heavy fighting.

A military communique issued in Tehran said Revolutionary Guards pushed north and south from their beachhead during the night and now hold 150 sq. km of marshland and an island in the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

On Friday, Iran's top war spokesman said that seizing Basra was not the aim of the offensive.

"Entering Basra is no problem. It is possible for us to choose a narrow corridor and go ahead, but this is not the aim," parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani told worshippers at Tehran's mass prayer meeting.

But he added: "We should settle accounts with Iraq near Basra... This is where the fate of the war should be determined."

The Iraqi raid on Tehran was one of seven Iraqi air and missile attacks on Iranian cities yesterday. Iran reported 20 civilians killed and scores wounded.

Baghdad radio, monitored in Nicosia, said a "select air force formation" returned safely to base from the Tehran raid "laureated with victory" but gave no other details.

Iraq said its warplanes also carried out "devastating" raids on other Iranian cities, including the southern city of Ahvaz and the central city of Isfahan. Iran said 19 people were killed in Ahvaz.

Tehran also reported its troops were locked in heavy artillery battles and hand-to-hand fighting with Iraqi commandos in the Sumar area, 110km. north-east of Baghdad. It quoted a military communique as saying:

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SLA heads off Shia attack

By DAVID RUDGE and JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporters

ROSH HANIKRA. - South Lebanese Army soldiers repulsed an attack by scores of Shi'ite extremists on an SLA stronghold on the northern border of the Security Zone early Friday morning.

Sources in South Lebanon reported yesterday that 19 attackers were killed and several others wounded in the abortive attempt to storm the SLA position in the central sector of the zone, west of the village of Taibeh.

The SLA troops defending the post did not suffer any casualties, the sources said.

The attackers, believed to be members of Hizbullah, launched the dawn raid under the cover of machinegun, rifle and rocket-propelled grenade fire.

Israeli helicopter gunships were sent into action after the attack. According to the IDF spokesman, the helicopters flew over the area at 7.30 a.m. and machinegun fire was directed at them from a building and from a heavy machinegun mounted on a vehicle. Both were in the central sector of the Security Zone not far from the site of the attack on the SLA. The helicopters fired back and silenced the attackers, before returning safely to base, the spokesman said.

The attack caught the SLA troops manning the strategic hilltop post by surprise, but they quickly recovered.

After the brief but fierce battle, the attackers fled the field, discarding their weapons in order to carry off the dead and injured.

The sources said the attackers left behind a variety of arms, including Kalashnikov rifles, a machinegun, several RPGs and a large quantity of explosives.

It was one of the SLA's most decisive victories in recent months, following a spate of morale-sapping attacks on the forces' troops and positions by Hizbullah fighters.

On January 7 Christian militia men successfully repelled two attacks by Hizbullah against a stronghold near the Christian town of Jezzein, north of the Security Zone.

The defenders, who are attached to forces associated with the SLA commander, Gen. Antoine Lahad, inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers, despite suffering two killed and three wounded in repelling the raid.

Military observers noted that in these last two incidents the SLA troops and Lahad's Christian militia-men had proven themselves under heavy fire.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that SLA troops have recently undergone refresher training courses, and several strongholds have been reinforced in the wake of the build-up of military pressure in the area.

The SLA success on Friday, coupled with ongoing support from the IDF, is seen as a positive response to recent observations that the force is in danger of crumbling.

The Post was told that since the start of a big recruitment campaign several weeks ago, more than 150 young men - most of them Shi'ites - had volunteered to join the SLA.

Military sources on Friday discounted reports that troops serving with the Lebanese Army had participated alongside Hizbullah extremists in the attacks on the SLA.

The sources stressed that there was absolutely no indication that regular Lebanese troops had joined in the attacks in groups. They did not discount the possibility, however, that individual soldiers, on leave from their Lebanese Army units, may have participated.

McFarlane: Israeli evidence of 'moderates' led to Iran arms deal

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - Former U.S. National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane says that Israel offered the U.S. the first credible evidence of the existence of Iranian "moderates," and that this directly resulted in the ill-fated U.S. initiative toward Iran.

Testifying Friday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, McFarlane said that David Kimche, who served as director-general of the Foreign Ministry in the summer of 1985, had come to Washington with evidence that moderate elements in Iran were prepared to establish links with the U.S.

McFarlane, who then served in the White House, described Kimche as "a man with whom I had dealt, a man - for whom I have enormous respect - of considerable intellect and complete integrity."

Because U.S. intelligence in Iran was very weak at that time, he added, the U.S. had no choice but to rely on Israel's assessment.

McFarlane also insisted that President Reagan had authorized the first Israeli shipment of arms to Iran in September 1985, and that both Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger had been informed of that decision.

But later on Friday, both Shultz and Weinberger continued to deny that they had been informed of the decision. Shultz said he recalled attending an August 6, 1985 meeting to discuss the issue. "I don't recall being told that the president had authorized that," he said.

Weinberger also said he attended the meeting. "I was under the impression it was not going to be done," he said.

But McFarlane was firm in insisting that Reagan had instructed him over the telephone to approve the Israeli shipments and that he had informed both Shultz and Weinberger of the decision.

McFarlane strongly defended the initial decision to establish a dialogue with Iran, noting its strategic

importance. But he said he twice advised the president to stop arms sales - once following his December 1985 visit to London for talks with an Iranian middleman, and later after his May 1986 visit to Tehran.

But the president pursued the policy, apparently determined to try to win the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

McFarlane said that Israel had made a thorough effort to "validate the legitimacy" of the Iranian "moderates," including political and military leaders.

Based on the original Israeli assessment and the subsequent backing it received from the CIA, McFarlane said, the president authorized the initiative over the objections of Shultz and Weinberger.

McFarlane acknowledged that "there certainly was a risk... The U.S. intelligence community had been collecting information as best it could on the situation in Iran for a long, long time. And that had in-

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Mubarak: Irangate blocks progress on Mideast peace

ABU DHABI (AP). - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted yesterday as saying Washington was so preoccupied with the Iran arms deal scandal that it won't reactivate the Middle East peace process.

"The U.S. administration is now busy with 'Irangate' and I don't think it has time to spare for Arab issues," Mubarak said in an interview published by the semi-official *Al-Iktisad* newspaper.

He also said that he was not contemplating a visit to Washington "until the Irangate comedy is over and the stand of the U.S. administration clears."

The comments by the Egyptian leader appeared to confirm Arab media reports that the recent Middle East swing by U.S. envoy Richard Murphy was a failure.

Mubarak warned Washington of

"dire consequences... because of loss of credibility" following the arms deal disclosures.

Mubarak rejected the U.S. claims it sold the weapons to Iran - which is opposed by most Arab countries in the six-year-old Gulf War against Iraq - in a bid to improve relations with Tehran.

Mubarak said he was "totally surprised" when the arms deal was disclosed, and denied he had been tipped off about it by Saudi arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi.

Khashoggi, one of the middlemen in the arms deal, claimed in a U.S. television interview that he had told Mubarak and other Arab leaders about the shipments before they were made.

He said he expects to meet Arab leaders at an Islamic summit conference in Kuwait on January 26, but he

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The coffin will arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport on Sunday, 17th of Tevet (January 18) aboard El Al flight no. 008 at 4:10 p.m. The funeral cortege will arrive at the Gruss Centre, Bayit Vegan (Beit Midrash Letora Ulelimudei Hayahadut - Gruss Institute, 1 Reh. Havaad Haleumi, at the point which connects Bayit Vegan and Givat Mordechai) at 5:30 p.m.

Shiva at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Owing to the state of health of the principal mourner, condolence visits will take place between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Organizing Committee

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	17.1.87	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
AMSTERDAM	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
BELGIUM	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
BRUSSELS	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
CHICAGO	-7	20	-7	20	-7	20	-7	20
COPENHAGEN	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
FRANKFURT	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
GENEVA	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
HELSINKI	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
HONG KONG	15	26	15	26	15	26	15	26
JOHANNESBURG	15	26	15	26	15	26	15	26
LONDON	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
MADRID	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
MONTREAL	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
NEW YORK	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
OSLO	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
PARIS	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
RUJ DE JANEIRO	15	26	15	26	15	26	15	26
SANTO PAULO	15	26	15	26	15	26	15	26
STOCKHOLM	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
TOKYO	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
TORONTO	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
VIENNA	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11
ZURICH	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11	-1	11

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Forecast: Temperatures unseasonably high.

	Yesterday's	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	15	6-21	21
Golan	19	12-20	21
Nahariya	19	12-20	21
Safed	21	12-17	18
Haifa Port	22	12-17	18
Tiberias	22	12-17	18
Nazareth	24	13-21	22
Afula	24	13-21	22
Shannon	15	10-23	24
Tel Aviv	25	9-23	24
B-G Airport	27	7-27	26
Jericho	27	4-24	26
Gaza	25	10-21	22
Be'er Sheva	9	9-7	27
Eilat	9	10-28	28

ARRIVALS

A.B. Kramer, President of the British Zionist Federation, Dr. Stephen Roth, chairman, Martin Savitt, vice-chairman, Bernard Davis, treasurer, Donald Silk and George Treanter, honorary vice-presidents, David Aaronsberg, Brenda Katten and Joy Wolfe, vice-presidents, Merle Kessler, programmes director, and members of the national executive for the first Israel Conference of the British Zionist Federation.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Israel proposes 6-month truce on northern border

Jerusalem Post Staff
UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Israel on Thursday night proposed an immediate six-month ceasefire on its northern border as part of step-by-step arrangements with the Lebanese government or any other party able to ensure peace in the area.

The feasibility of the Israeli plan was, however, shot down by sources in Jerusalem, who said "there was no one to talk to in Lebanon."

"Israel remains willing to negotiate and cooperate with the government of Lebanon or any other credible partner in that country that genuinely seeks and can ensure peace in that area," Israel's deputy U.N. representative, Johanan Bein told the Security Council.

"In this context, Israel proposes that the efforts directed towards a solution be based on the acceptance of the principles of territorial integrity and a stage-by-stage approach, beginning with an immediate and total ceasefire in the entire area for a period of at least six months."

Once these principles were accepted and implemented by the parties concerned, it would be possible to negotiate the "territorial and obligatory aspects of a permanent solution," Bein said.

He was addressing the Council after it voted unanimously to renew the mandate of the 5,668-man U.N. peace-keeping force in southern Lebanon (Unifil) until the end of July.

Well-placed sources said yesterday there was "nothing new" in the proposal for a solution to the problem of southern Lebanon tabled by Israel at the Security Council.

The sources said that the proposal dates back to the cabinet's decision of January 1985, which provided for a complete Israeli withdrawal from the Security Zone on condition that a responsible Lebanese authority could be found and depended upon to secure the area.

But the sources said that the proposal, "though a fine idea, is apparently impractical, as there is no one to talk to." The sources said that there was no Lebanese group or authority which could secure the zone and assure a workable ceasefire for the proposed trial period.

Moreover, Syrian influence in Lebanon has considerably diminished in recent months and Damascus was unable or unwilling to impose its will to restrain the extremist Shi'ites and PLO elements who are resorting to violence in the south.

Armenians celebrate Xmas

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The country's small Armenian community will celebrate Christmas today, the third and final nativity festival of the Christian communities.

The ceremonies will begin with Armenian patriarch Yeshighe Derderian's solemn arrival at Bethlehem's Manger Square at noon today, and end with his reading the traditional Christmas liturgy at midnight.

Today also marks the Orthodox Christian holiday of Epiphany, commemorating the baptism of Jesus. The principal rite is to be held this

morning at the traditional baptismal site at the Jordan River near Jericho. The area, which is normally a security zone, is to be opened for the service.

Because the holiday falls on a Sunday this year, thousands of pilgrims are expected to visit the site, arriving in buses provided by the Greek Orthodox patriarchate.

McFARLANE

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volved inputs from Israel, of course, but also from a number of other countries.

"And so when we got the Israeli estimates, our own intelligence community had considered not only that input, but input from wherever we could find it, and could make a recommendation to the president as to whether this was a prudent thing to do or not. And they recommended that we go ahead with it, clearly recognizing that we couldn't do it with absolute certainty and conviction."

"But the judgement of the (CIA) director was that yes, this was worth a try for a period of time. And so with that authority, Israel undertook to be in touch with the Iranians again."

MUBARAK

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lashed out at critics of Egypt's ties with Israel.

"They blame us for trying to find a solution with Israel, though we think that our moves in this respect are to the benefit of the entire Arab nation," he argued.

Mubarak said Egypt was still working for a comprehensive Middle East peace that would also address the grievances of the Palestinians. He cautioned that "We (Arabs) have continued to reject everything since 1948 and, until now, we have lost everything."

The summit will be attended by a number of Mubarak's critics, including Syrian President Assad. Mubarak said he would "stretch out his hand" to Assad at the conference.

He said there had been secret contacts between Cairo and Damascus two years ago, despite the rift, but noted that Egypt had rejected unspecified Syrian demands.

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Suspects rounded up by security forces are questioned last night following the stabbing of two brothers near Jerusalem's Damascus Gate. (Media/Feinblatt)

IPO marks Rubinstein Centenary

With Maurizio Pollini's performance of Beethoven's Third and Brahms Second piano concertos last night at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra started its unprecedented musical tour de force of 16 Rubinstein centenary concerts: 13 in Tel Aviv, two in Jerusalem, and one in Haifa.

The concert series marking 100 years since the birth of Arthur Rubinstein, the great pianist and friend of the IPO, includes 10 performances by soloists with the orchestra, conducted by Zubin Mehta, and six recitals.

Subscribers to the series, which ends on January 13, can look forward to listening to some of the greatest living masters of the keyboard and to some of the best music for piano ever written.

Rubinstein's widow, Nela Rubinstein, arrived from Paris last Friday to attend the festivities.

The centenary concerts are being held under the patronage of President Chaim Herzog.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Nissim gives Pickering Israel's aid request

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim on Friday presented Israel's request for American aid for 1988 to U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering. The request totals \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2b. in civilian aid. Israel stresses that it will not ask for further emergency aid in 1988, which it received in 1985 and 1986.

A senior delegation from the Treasury and the Bank of Israel is

due to leave tomorrow for the U.S. to hold talks with American officials on the recently launched economic plan.

The delegation will be headed by Treasury Director-General Emmanuel Sharon, and the head of the Bank of Israel's Research Department, Mordechai Fraenkel. It will hold talks with the Americans within the framework of the Israel-U.S. Joint Economic Development Group.

Vanunu's hunger strike enters its third week

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mordechai Vanunu's hunger strike enters its third week this morning as the former Dimona nuclear technician continues to protest his imprisonment and his solitary confinement.

Members of Vanunu's family are scheduled to visit him today and will try to persuade him to stop his strike. Vanunu is being examined daily by a prison doctor. Although he has reportedly lost much weight, he does not appear to be at medical risk. He subsists on tea and water only.

Vanunu's attorney, Amnon

Zichroni, is also scheduled to visit his client later this week.

Last week a Jerusalem district court judge ordered prison authorities to return to Vanunu his "Walkman" radio and books, which had been confiscated following his December 21 "palm-message" to reporters. Vanunu is awaiting trial for revealing Israel's alleged nuclear secrets to the Sunday Times of London.

Shamir denies 'softening' on W. Bank

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir over the weekend denied a Reuters report from last week that he supported some form of territorial compromise with Jordan in a peace settlement.

Speaking to a visiting delegation of Canadian Liberal Party leaders, Shamir said there "is no change in my position," according to sources in the Prime Minister's Office. What he had told Reuters in the interview, he said, was that he supported direct Israeli-Jordanian negotiations without prior conditions. "If this happens, no one can predict the result," he noted.

Shamir added that there was no point in saying now what he would say in the course of the negotiations. He reiterated his position that the best way to move towards a settlement was through direct talks "and not to dream about an international conference or forum."

Observers suggested that the implicit flexibility in Shamir's alleged statement to Reuters and in his subsequent qualification — which avoided an explicit reiteration of Herut's routine opposition to any territorial compromise vis-a-vis Jordan — was part of his "successful effort in recent months to project the balanced, moderate image of a responsible statesman."

Sick refusenik gets U.S. visa

NEW YORK (JTA). — Soviet refusenik cancer patient Inna Meiman, 34, has received a temporary visa to come to the U.S. for treatment of a tumor on her neck.

She will arrive in Vienna today, where she will be met by former U.S. Sen. Gary Hart who will accompany her to Washington. The Lombardi Cancer Centre of Georgetown Medical Center in Washington has offered to treat Meiman at no cost.

Meiman's visa is good for one year. Her husband, Naum Meiman, 75, who is ailing, will not be allowed to accompany his wife. Naum Meiman is an 11-year refusenik and dissident, formerly a member of the disbanded, unofficial, Helsinki Monitoring Group.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our beloved

ESTHER SHAUL י"ט

and her son

ZVI SHAUL ז"ל

there will be a memorial service and tombstone unveiling at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 1987 (18 Tevet) at the Mount of Olives Cemetery, Cohanin Section 5 (opposite the Inter-Continental Hotel).

We will set out from 46 Arzel Habira at 2:00 p.m.

For further information, call STERMAN, Tel. 02-813011.

On the first anniversary of the death of

JOSEPH L. KLARMAN ז"ל

disciple and aide of Zeev Jabotinsky, whose contribution to the Jewish people and the State of Israel was immeasurable, we shall pay our respects at his grave at Nahlat Yitzhak, Tel Aviv, on Wednesday, January 21, 1987 at 12 noon.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1987, at 8 p.m. there will be a

MEMORIAL EVENING

at Beit Jabotinsky, 38 King George St., Tel Aviv (14th floor).

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Betar Youth Towns
Misdar Jabotinsky
Veterans of the Jabotinsky Movement

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of my dear husband

SAM DORMONT

The funeral will leave today, Sunday, January 18, 1987 at 12 noon from the Municipal Funeral Parlor, 5 Dafna Street, Tel Aviv for the Holon cemetery, Holon/Bat Yam border. A bus will be at the disposal of those wishing to attend.

The bereaved — His wife Hilda and all the family

With deep sorrow I announce the death of my beloved husband

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MR. JOSEPH GRUSS AND HIS FAMILY

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and
THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL
deeply mourn the passing of a dear friend

CAROLINE GRUSS ע"ה

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The Shaare Zedek family shall sorely miss this wonderful First Lady of World Jewry. We extend sincerest condolences to our esteemed friend and benefactor, Mr. Joseph S. Gruss, and family who, together with his dear wife, Caroline, were an inspiration and source of constant encouragement to us all. Their generosity was a significant contribution to the construction and continuous equipping of the new Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

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Charles H. Bendheim, President
American Comm. for Shaare Zedek

Michael S. Rosenbluth, MD
Director General

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Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang (left) who resigned Friday, and his successor, Zhao Ziyang as they appeared during the Communist Party's 12th congress in Peking in 1982. (AFP photo)

China's Communist Party chief quits

Student riots reported cause of Hu's downfall

PEKING (AP). — The resignation Friday of Communist Party head Hu Yaobang, considered China's second most powerful man after Deng Xiaoping, was reported prominently but without comment on the front pages of China's national newspapers yesterday.

Hu, 71, who stepped down as head of the 44-million-member party, fell from power because of his failure to stem the recent pro-democracy student unrest and the spread of Western liberal ideas.

His resignation came at an expanded meeting of the party Politburo, which named Premier Zhao Ziyang, 67, to succeed him. Zhao was named acting party general secretary pending approval of Hu's resignation at the next plenary session of the party central committee.

Hu was rumoured to have angered Deng by his handling of recent student demonstrations which gathered the largest crowds since the days of the Cultural Revolution and were the strongest show of dissent since Deng took power.

Yesterday's newspapers, containing reports identical to those issued by the official Xinhua News Agency and China Central Television on Friday night, were snatched up quickly at news-stands across Peking.

At one news-stand, 500 copies of the *People's Daily* (*Rennin Ribao*) sold out in 30 minutes.

Hu still retains his membership in the Politburo and its standing committee, although he is unlikely to have kept any real power. Hu's predecessor, Hua Guofeng, whose fall

from favour was concealed for more than 10 weeks in 1981, also retained the same two posts for some time after his resignation as party chairman.

Hu succeeded Hua as chairman and was designated general secretary when the chairmanship was abolished in 1982.

Hu was reported to be in line to succeed 82-year-old Deng as China's top leader and was Deng's ally for almost 40 years.

But Hu was reportedly disliked by some party conservatives for his sharp criticisms of Mao Tse-tung's leftist policies. Hu was also said to be more tolerant of political dissent than Deng, who has encouraged greater freedom of expression with the caveat that there can be no criticism of socialism and the party.

Pakistan approves Soviet bid for ceasefire in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, preparing for talks with a Kremlin delegation in the next few days, yesterday described Soviet moves on Afghanistan as a step forward.

Without spelling out what they were, he said in Rawalpindi that Moscow's efforts were a vindication of what he called Pakistan's "principled stand" on Afghanistan, the official news agency APP reported.

The Soviet-backed Afghan government proclaimed a unilateral ceasefire last Thursday in its war with Western-backed Moslem guerrillas which began eight years ago.

As part of the six-month ceasefire, Afghan leader Najibullah said government and Soviet forces were being withdrawn to barracks and would only hit back at the rebels if attacked.

Pakistan officials had responded coolly to Najibullah's statement that Kabul and Moscow had agreed on accords paving the way for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Kovalyev arrived here yesterday for talks which the Pakistani Foreign Ministry said would centre on Afghanistan.

The talks with Pakistani officials begin today, and Kovalyev plans to meet Zia and prime minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

U.S. under-secretary of State Michael Armacost is also due in Islamabad today for talks also likely to focus on Afghan developments.

The main Afghan guerrilla alliance, based in Pakistan, spurned the Kabul government's reconciliation offer at a rally in the border town of Peshawar yesterday and announced plans for an "interim" government to take over in Kabul.

Islamabad wants an early withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan and the return of about 4.5 million Afghan refugees, most of whom are living in Pakistan.

Foreign diplomats and Afghans in Kabul said yesterday the ceasefire had considerable popular support inside the country, although many rebel sympathizers were suspicious of the government's motives.

Pakistan and the Afghan government are due to resume U.N.-sponsored indirect talks in Geneva next month to try to agree on a timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet troops, sent into Afghanistan in December, 1979 to help the fledgling Marxist government fight the guerrillas.

On Friday, thousands of Afghans at Kabul's

central mosque were told by their religious leaders that it was their duty to support the government's peace appeals.

Loudspeakers relayed the message to hundreds more worshippers in the courtyard of the Blue Mosque on the edge of the Afghan capital's old bazaar.

The bazaar is still regarded as a stronghold of anti-government feeling and a hideout for Moslem rebels penetrating the city from the surrounding mountains.

Soviet tanks deployed outside strategic installations in Kabul since Friday were partly removed yesterday, diplomatic sources said.

The tanks, including heavy T-62s which have not been seen in the streets here before, appeared to be part of a military show of might to head off any rebel attacks, observers said.

Afghan forces were conspicuously absent in the deployment.

About 40 tanks and armoured vehicles were deployed on bridges and in strategic points of the capital Friday night. Yesterday, security remained exceptionally tight outside the Soviet Embassy and its residential compound, where machineguns were deployed. (Reuters, AFP)

Ecuador president swapped

QUITO. — Rebel paratroopers freed Ecuadorian President Leon Febres Cordero Friday night after holding him hostage for 11 hours, in return for the release of an air force general who led a mutiny last year, government radio stations reported.

The president, who promised to take "no disciplinary measures" against his captors, was allowed to leave Taura air base, after ordering the release of former air force chief General Frank Vargas Pazzos.

Febres arrived at the Pacific port city of Guayaquil amid a huge crowd of Ecuadorians who had turned out in a show of support for him.

Four people were killed and six wounded during the gunbattle that broke out when he was seized.

The rebels' sole demand was reported to have been the release of Gen. Vargas Pazzos, who had been imprisoned near Quito since leading an abortive mutiny last March.

During his armed uprising, Vargas had denounced corruption at top levels in the military hierarchy.



Ecuador President Leon Febres Cordero (AFP photo)

Leftist and Social Democratic opposition groups had urged that he be annexed. According to unofficial sources, a

military court had been about to sentence the general to 12 years in prison when his supporters seized the president.

The exchange arrangement was first announced in the capital by Vice-President Blasco Penaherrera. Vargas was brought to Guayaquil after being released from prison.

The president had earlier said in a broadcast message that he was unharmed. He said no action would be taken against the paratroopers who had kidnapped him.

News reports said Quito Archbishop Antonio Gonzalez and other dignitaries served as witnesses to the prisoner exchange. But it was unclear exactly how the trade was made.

Febres Cordero, a tough right-winger, has ruled Ecuador since August 1984. His seizure drew immediate calls for his release from the presidents of Peru, Venezuela, and Argentina as well as the U.S. State Department and the Spanish prime minister. (AFP, Reuters)

Police probe death of chief investigator in front of train

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — The man in charge of a multi-million-dollar smuggling inquiry involving Sweden's biggest arms dealer was killed after falling in front of a Stockholm underground railway train, police said Friday.

Carl-Fredrik Algenon, 61, Sweden's military ordinance inspector, fell off a platform at the city's central underground railway station Thursday night into the path of a train, they said.

They declined to give further details while inquiries into the accident were being held.

Algenon headed the department which examined weapons exports contracts and deals from neutral Sweden and played a central role in helping to enforce its strict export law, which forbids arms sales to states in conflict.

He was involved in compiling a report, now being studied by prosecutors, highlighting claims by Swedish peace groups that AB Bofors, the country's biggest arms maker, redirected gunpowder and explosives to warring Middle East countries through nations with less strict export laws.

IN BRIEF

Ex-premier Ecevit of Turkey jailed

ANKARA (Reuters). — Former Turkish prime minister Bulent Ecevit has been sentenced to 11 months and 20 days in jail for breaking a ban on involvement in party politics, the semi-official Anatolian agency said yesterday.

A court at Bornova in western Turkey, convicted him of breaking the 1982 constitution and a 1983 law imposing political bans on hundreds of former politicians active before the country's 1980 military coup, it said.

The charge arose from speeches Ecevit made for the Democratic Left Party during campaigns for by-elections last September. His wife is chairperson of the party.

Soviets send cargo to orbiting space station

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union launched a cargo transporter to its orbiting space station Mir Friday with supplies for a new mission, the government daily *Izvestia* reported.

It did not say exactly when cosmonauts would return to the currently unmanned station, except that it will be "soon." Cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovoyev spent 125 days in space during the first mission to Mir last year.

Dissident book will appear in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE (AFP). — The Serbian supreme court has overturned an order by a Belgrade court banning a book by dissident Yugoslav sociologist Vojislav Seselj, the dissident's lawyer said yesterday. "It is the first time in Yugoslavia's post-war history that a court has cancelled a banning order," the lawyer said.

Arson at plane factory

SALISBURY (Reuters). — A shadowy British anarchist group called The Angry Brigade said yesterday it had started an overnight fire at a factory producing the revolutionary Bug Eye plane. Police confirmed the blaze was arson.

The fire caused damage estimated at £4 million at the optical factory near this southwestern English town where the revolutionary observation plane is produced. An anonymous caller said the fire had been started by The Angry Brigade as a gesture "against big business."

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Italy, Rome support Hussein's peace plan

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Jordan's King Hussein discussed the Middle East situation with Pope John Paul yesterday and a Vatican spokesman indicated the pontiff was in favour of the king's efforts for peace in the region.

Yesterday's half-hour discussion followed talks held on Thursday with Italian government leaders, in which Hussein sought support for his Middle East peace plans. He won support for a Jordanian aid project for the Israeli-occupied territories that would "reinforce the Palestinian identity."

Hussein talked with the pope in his private study in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace at the end of his three-day official visit to Italy.

Vatican spokesman Asoquin Navarro-Valls told reporters afterwards that the meeting was cordial and informative, adding that the king "explained his thoughts on the Middle East situation, for which equitable solutions are always sought."

Navarro-Valls said the pope "lis-

tened with interest, aware of the experience and wisdom of the sovereign."

The positive tone of the spokesman's statement indicated the pontiff supported Hussein's efforts for peace in the Middle East.

Italian officials have already expressed support for the king's plans for massive aid to develop the economy of the West Bank. A source in the king's entourage said the Jordanians were very happy with the support Italy expressed for the plan.

Vatican sources said they believed the pope and Hussein discussed prospects for relaunching negotiations that could lead to a peace conference between Jordanians, Israelis and Palestinians.

During a visit to Jordan earlier this month, New York's Cardinal John O'Connor suggested that the Vatican could sponsor a Middle East peace conference.

The Vatican does not have full diplomatic relations with either Israel or Jordan.

Syrian troops checking Beirut airport departures

BEIRUT (AP). — A token force of Syrian commandos deployed at the entrance to Beirut airport yesterday for four days after a Lebanese was arrested at Frankfurt airport on charges of involvement in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner.

Plain-clothes Syrian security agents also were seen checking passports at the airport's departure lounge and supervising the search of both passengers and luggage.

A Lebanese police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Syrian troops will also deploy in the next 48 hours along the 5km. airport highway and all roads surrounding the facility.

There has been no official explanation of the move. But Beirut's pro-Syrian *Ash-Sharq* daily said it was aimed at "preserving the airport's security and the passengers' safety."

The deployment followed the arrest of Mohammed Ali Hamadi in

Frankfurt on Tuesday when he arrived aboard a flight from Beirut.

He was charged as a suspect in the June 14, 1985, hijacking of a TWA plane flying from Athens to Rome.

The Shiite gunmen ordered the plane flown to Beirut where 39 American passengers were held hostage for 17 days. The gunmen killed a U.S. Navy diver aboard the aircraft. More than 700 Lebanese and Palestinians held in Israel's Atilit Prison were freed in the weeks following the end of the hijack drama.

Yesterday's Syrian deployment coincided with a meeting between Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and three former presidents at the small garrison town of Smar, 30 kms. northeast of Beirut.

Jemayel, Suleiman Franjieh, Charles Helou and Camille Chamoun, all Maronite Catholics, were discussing a joint initiative to end Lebanon's 11-year-old civil war, reliable sources said.

Waite meets top leader of Hizbullah

BEIRUT. — British church envoy Terry Waite, in Beirut once more to try to negotiate the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon, last night met Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, widely regarded as the spiritual guide of the pro-Iranian Hizbullah party.

Waite, who arrived in Beirut on Monday, and Fadlallah, said they agreed to solve the hostages problem on a humanitarian basis.

"We agreed to work through the humanitarian side in order to end this (hostages) problem and its likes," Fadlallah said at his house in a mainly-Shi'ite southern suburb of Beirut.

Fadlallah, who had his first public meeting with Waite, also said: "The complicated atmosphere in Lebanon, the area and the world turned it (the hostages problem) into a political card with multiple sides."

Earlier yesterday, the envoy headed for Mukhtara, a mountain village southeast of Beirut, and had his second meeting with Druse leader Walid Jumblatt and an audience with Sheikh Mohammed Abu Shakra, the Druse religious leader.

Last night a terrorist group, the Islamic Justice Organization released photos of two Americans kidnapped last year, but made no demands. Waite said it was "a very good sign."

Waite, the personal emissary of the Archbishop of Canterbury, has met with several Moslem religious and militia leaders, but militiamen in charge of his security said he has not established contact with any kidnapping faction.

In all, there are 18 foreigners missing in Lebanon: six Americans, six Frenchmen, two Britons, an Italian, a South Korean, an Irishman and a Saudi Arabian. (Reuters, AP)

New Hongkong governor

LONDON (AP). — Sir David Wilson, the Chinese-speaking career diplomat who led the British team negotiating the return of Hongkong to Chinese sovereignty, was named Governor of the British island on Friday.

Wilson succeeds Sir Edward Youde, who died of a heart attack in Peking on December 5.

U.S. experts okay marketing Aids drug

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A panel of experts from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted Friday to recommend that the Aids drug AZT be approved by the government for marketing to certain patients.

The panel's recommendation is expected to lead to government approval in the near future.

Its recommendation was limited to the treatment of patients with certain infections usually characterized by the presence of Aids-related pneumonia and for patients with advanced Aids, or Aids-related Complex, a disease that frequently precedes the full scale Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

AZT, a product of Burroughs Wellcome Co., of North Carolina, is not a cure for Aids. Company officials say it combats the symptoms of the disease but does not eradicate it.

If approved by the government, AZT would be the first prescription drug on the U.S. market against Aids.

In a series of votes following an all-day discussion on AZT held at the FDA's Washington headquarters, the panel concluded that in clinical trials the drug had been shown to benefit individuals with Aids and Aids-related Complex.

But it recommended that the FDA assure close patient monitoring in longer-term studies "to resolve im-

portant questions about possible adverse effects and efficacy associated with AZT's long-term use."

To date, clinical trials have tested tolerance only over a 24-week period. In the clinical trials, involving 282 patients with Aids or Aids-related Complex, half of the group AZT and the other half a placebo.

Of the group receiving AZT, 98 per cent survived for the duration of the 24-week study period. Of those receiving the placebo, only 78 per cent survived. The tests also found that a significant number of patients given AZT were found to gain weight, to maintain their physical and mental abilities and to experience a renewal of their Aids-weakened immune systems.

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Hadassah Monsah -- from bank boardroom to women's prison cell

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Without a few short years, Hadassah Monsah has moved from the telephone switchboard of the North American Bank, to the plush boardroom chair of the bank's acting general manager, and soon to a cell in the Neveh Tirza women's prison.

Next week, after a seven-day grace period granted by the Jerusalem District Court, this 38-year-old, Orthodox mother of two, will become an inmate at Neveh Tirza, an oddity among the drug addicts, murderers, thieves and prostitutes who call the prison home.

The former acting general manager of the bank was sentenced last week to five years' imprisonment for embezzling \$16 million from the bank. The sentence followed a plea-bargaining deal in which Monsah confessed to 22 offences of forgery, fraud and breach of trust, and also undertook to cooperate with police and the Bank of Israel in their ongoing examination of the bank's activities.

The agency of Hadassah Monsah, member of a prominent old-time Jerusalem family, began in September, 1985, when she was arrested on suspicion of involvement in the million-dollar fraud at the bank's Jerusalem branch.

When the judges handed down their verdict, they stated that Monsah, despite the severity of her crimes, had not put any of the money into her own pocket. Even today, no one is quite sure where the missing money is. Was it eaten up by bad loans to businesses or to yeshivot she favoured, or was it taken by Moshe Stern, the former manager of the bank branch who was Monsah's boss?

Stern was extradited from France last March after telling the court that he had never intended fleeing from justice. He was originally charged with embezzling some \$30 million, but in a plea-bargain deal struck last summer, the prosecutors lowered the amount in the charge to \$15 million, in exchange for Stern's cooperation. He was eventually sentenced to seven years in prison.

If it wasn't for the love of Mammon that Hadassah Monsah sacrificed her freedom, career and good name, perhaps it was naïveté. But no one who knows Hadassah Monsah believes she is either stupid or naïve. "She is a very intelligent, decent, clever woman," says Rabbi Avraham



Hadassah Monsah (Harril)

Ravitz, a client of the bank and head of the Or Sameah Yeshiva for newly-Orthodox Jews. Ravitz, who was one of her three character witnesses, can't explain how Monsah, who is strictly observant but who doesn't cover her short reddish hair, got involved in such a mess.

Rabbi Yitzhak Rabag, head of the Jerusalem Religious Council and neighbourhood rabbi of Ma'alot Dafna and Arzei Habira neighbourhood where the Monsah family lives, suggests that "vague ethical guidelines" in the banking business may have done her in. "Maybe that's the norm in bank management," suggests Rabbi Rabag, who was a second character witness.

Speaking to the court on the Tenth of Tevet, Rabbi Rabag noted that the date commemorates the beginning of the siege of ancient Jerusalem,

which led to the destruction of the temple. "It is believed that the temple fell because the judges of the time ruled strictly according to the rule of justice, and lacked mercy. I ask you to show this woman mercy," he pleaded.

An application to President Herzog for a pardon is sure to follow her imprisonment, say the rabbis, but Monsah is not talking.

No one in her Arzei Habira neighbourhood, an ultra-Orthodox enclave whose insularity is symbolized by the circles of buildings that face inward onto grassless courtyards, was willing to talk about Monsah either.

Constructed in the last 10 years or so, the buildings look prematurely dilapidated, battered by hundreds of rambunctious children from large families. At noon, the only people in the neighbourhood are women with the heads covered pushing baby carriages.

Monsah's apartment, in building number 48, is above a storefront meant to be a store, but which was turned into the "Kehillat Yisrael Tora Centre," a kollel where dozens of black-suited men study Talmud.

The doorknob outside the Monsah apartment doesn't work; it is either broken or has been disconnected.

"Yes, we heard she's going to prison next week," says one of the many American-born neighbours cooking for Shabbat. "But we don't know anything."

Aaron, Hadassah's husband, who is an artist, will have to find a way to support the family. As acting bank manager, she earned \$4,000 gross a month, and was the family's main breadwinner. Times were already hard while she was awaiting sentencing.

Hadassah Monsah has decided to spend her free time in Neveh Tirza researching the topic "Halacha and Women in Positions of Power." She expects to receive books and articles from the prison library and from the outside.

The rabbis say it will be extremely difficult for her to adjust to prison life and to observe Jewish rituals. Even worse will be getting along with many of her fellow inmates, whose violent past brought them to prison. Hadassah Monsah, they say, is a gentle woman.

Trial opens in Jerusalem

Rafi Levy denies all charges

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rafi Levy, the Interior Ministry's former Jerusalem District representative, stood up in the prisoners' dock at the Jerusalem District Court on Friday and denied all charges against him, as his trial formally opened.

Levy's co-defendant, Hana Janho of Ramallah, also denied any involvement in the bribery and foreign currency offences. Janho spoke through an interpreter.

The charge sheet against Levy includes 11 counts of extortion, accepting bribes, breach of trust and foreign currency violations.

Testimony will begin on February 1.

Levy was accompanied by the commander of the Jerusalem detention facility where he is being held. He appeared to be in good spirits and listened attentively throughout the proceedings.



Rafi Levy (Israel Sun)

Presiding Judge Dalia Dorner rejected most of the preliminary arguments presented by Levy's attorney,

Shlomo Toussia-Cohen. But she ordered the prosecutor, Shimon Dolan, to clarify various points in the charge sheet which she termed "unclear" and "lacking the necessary detail."

Dorner rejected Toussia-Cohen's claim that four of the charges against his client did not constitute criminal offences.

In a separate and closed session, Dorner upheld the court-imposed ban on the publication of the names of "clergyman A" and "clergyman B." She also ruled that the deliberations on two of the charges -- regarding one clergyman's alleged gold-smuggling and a Bethlehem building project -- be held in camera.

Dorner instructed the state to check if Levy's detention conditions could be improved, so that he could prepare his defence and study the hundreds of pages of testimony and evidence against him.

Hebrew University's School for Overseas Students booming

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Doom and gloom may be the prevailing mood at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem these days, but there is at least one bit of good news to encourage the institution's leaders as they battle against a \$50 million-plus deficit.

The university's Rothberg School for Overseas Students is going from strength to strength and now has more students than ever before.

The current crop of students, from all around the world, numbers 1,250, an increase of 100 over last year. And the people who run the school see the trend continuing. The provost, prof. Amnon Shiloah, stressed that he controls much more than an academic institution. He sees it as a centre in which the notion of aliyah can be nurtured among Jewish high school graduates from the Diaspora. And as a place in which students, both Jewish and gentile, can learn what makes Israel tick.

The Rothberg School, named for its principal sponsor, U.S. businessman Samuel Rothberg, has a worldwide reputation and is represented abroad through emissaries and the

Hebrew University friends organizations.

It offers programmes ranging from special academic courses lasting a few weeks to a full-blown four year course that ends with a degree from the University.

The four-year programme, said Shiloah, attracts mainly Jewish high school graduates and is oriented towards olim and potential olim.

The first year is spent studying Hebrew (and English in the case of students from non-English speaking countries) and general studies. The successful graduates go on to take regular degree courses at the university.

This year, said Shiloah, the students include groups from Iran and Ethiopia and a larger-than-usual contingent from South Africa. But the biggest increase in numbers has come from South America, especially Argentina.

Entrance requirements to the four-year programme have always been tough, he said. But a special programme has now been added to help those who have yet to reach the required standard.

"We want to give these people a chance to prove themselves," he

explained. "After all, the aim is to attract more Jewish youth. Maybe not all of these people will go on into the university proper, but while they are with us we can help in their absorption. And in many cases the university will retain a talented student who would previously not have been admitted because his high school certificate was not recognized here."

The school has a one-year course, which also attracts mainly Jewish students and short programmes in summer and winter, that bring a truly international atmosphere to the campus at Mount Scopus.

"We have people coming from as far away as Japan and as close to home as Egypt," said Shiloah. "And they don't restrict themselves to their studies."

"Last year I was astonished to learn that 40 per cent were doing voluntary work in hospitals and in poor neighbourhoods in Jerusalem. What they get here is more than just credit for their universities back home. They also go through a process of understanding the Jewish people and this country. Perhaps that is our most important achievement."



The Swiss cargo vessel Waldhorn in Haifa Port this week.

(Media/C. Nukiewicz)

Swiss ship pays a call at Haifa Port

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The sight of a ship flying a Swiss flag in port last week loading a \$12.5 million low-temperature seawater desalination plant, aroused this reporter's curiosity about landlocked Switzerland.

First, does Switzerland have a merchant fleet? The Swiss Embassy couldn't say, but according to the Israel Shipping Research Institute, Switzerland owns 34 ships, most of which do not sail under their coun-

try's flag and use Genoa as their home port. The 4,000 ton container ship, the Waldhorn, is believed to be the first Swiss flagship ever to call in Haifa.

As for the desalination plant, it was sold to Curacao, the Dutch Antilles island in the Caribbean, by Israel Desalination Engineering Ltd. of Tel Aviv.

The plant, with a capacity of 2.5 million U.S. gallons (10,000 tons) per day, was sold to the KAE company, the island's major water and

power utility. Based in Willemstad, the capital and chief port, it is owned by the government.

Danny Hoffman, marketing vice president of Desalination Engineering, which is a member of the Israel Chemicals group, told *The Jerusalem Post* they had landed the order for the turnkey plant in an international tender with five competitors.

The contract calls for the plant to be operational by October this year. It is the twenty-third desalination plant sold by the company in the western hemisphere.

The plant will also be able to produce 3,100 kilowatts of power. Over the plant's 20-year life, this output alone should repay its full cost. The low temperature desalination process minimizes scaling and corrosion, assuring long-term operation with minimal maintenance.

And why was the plant shipped on a Swiss ship? "Simple — it was the best deal our shipping agent could get us," *The Post* was told.

Israeli drug convict 'escapes Egyptian jail'

ASHDOD (Itim). — Yosef Tahan, who was sentenced to death in Egypt for smuggling heroin, has disappeared from prison, according to an Egyptian report quoted in *Israel* this weekend.

"The story seems to me fantastic and may even be a trick by the Egyptians," Violet Tahan said here yesterday. "I fear for my husband's life."

The Egyptian-born Tahan, 43, was caught in August 1985 with 1.35 kilos of heroin and sentenced in February 1986.

He has appealed the sentence and was waiting for the hearing which was to take place in the next few days.

IN BRIEF

100 lawyers sign petition for a judge

The usually discreet lobbying for judicial appointments was exposed yesterday with the revelation that 100 Jerusalem lawyers have signed a petition favouring the appointment of magistrates' court judge Elihu Ben-Zimra to the Jerusalem District Court.

The lawyers, many of whom are prominent, sent the petition to the Jerusalem district committee of the Israel Bar which has strenuously opposed Ben-Zimra's appointment. The Bar has cited Ben-Zimra's "harsh" attitude towards lawyers

Sharir dislikes black

TIBERIAS (Itim). — The city will have to spend thousands of dollars to change the curbstones of its new promenade in order to please Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir's tastes.

Sharir found the black basalt stones unsuitable and ordered that they be changed. "The minister hates to see black and grey at cheerful sites and thinks these stones look like tombstones," Rafael Farber, director-general of the Tourism Ministry explained.

Old prices still valid for cars up to 1600 c.c.

The prices of cars with engines of up to 1600 c.c. inclusive has not changed as a result of the devaluation, the Treasury announced Friday.

The prices will remain in effect at least until February 1 and importers must not charge more than the maximum list price for all available stock.

Should retailers refuse to sell a car in stock, this would constitute an offence, the announcement said.

Samaria linked to national water carrier

TEL AVI (Itim). — The water system of central Samaria has been linked up with the national water carrier, which supplies most of the water to central Israel and the Negev.

This was revealed here on Friday by the managing director of the national water company, Mekorot, Yehzekel Zakai. He said that the connection by means of a 16 in. pipe had recently been completed. Work was proceeding on a central control station at Ariel.

The system will remove the dependence of settlements in central Samaria on local wells. The central Samaria water system supplied two and a half million cu. m. of water to Jewish settlements last year, including the towns of Ariel and Emanuel, and half a million cu. m. to 16 Arab villages.

Officials lashed for lack of interest in Beduin industry

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
For The Jerusalem Post

Government officials came under sharp fire last week for appearing unprepared at a Knesset subcommittee hearing on the lack of industrial development in the Negev's new Beduin towns.

"The government representatives are feeding us nonsense. And they are making a laughing-stock of us and of the Beduin residents," said Shas MK Yitzhak Peretz, a member of the Knesset's Labour and Social Affairs committee.

Peretz and committee chairman MK Ora Namir (Labour), criticized government representatives from the ministries of industries and trade, labour and social affairs and health, and the Employment Service for failing to come prepared to the meeting with Beduin representatives from two Beduin towns, Rahat and Tel Sheva.

Rahat has made a long-standing request to be upgraded to the status of a class "A" industrial development area. The new status would give investors government-subsidized loans for establishing industry in the town as well as lower

rates on land purchases, said Rahat's administrator Reuven Wissoker.

Today only about 110 out of the town's 15,000 residents are employed in the city, he said.

And while 90 per cent of Tel Sheva's residents pay taxes, there is no industrial infrastructure in that town either, said Tel Sheva local committee head Avraham Reibibo.

"If we don't give the appropriate tools to the heads of the local authorities of Rahat and Tel Sheva, then it will be a waste of everything we've built up there," Namir said.

Some sources have charged the ministries of housing and industry with dragging their feet on Beduin industrial development in five new Negev towns because they don't want to give troubled Jewish industrial areas new competition.

But Wissoker said he believed the problem was more one of an unwieldy bureaucracy and ignorance about the special problems and past of the Beduin.

A spokeswoman for the Housing Ministry said that industrial development is not its province anyway, even though the ministry plans the infrastructure of the Beduin settlements.

Emmanuel residents demand ouster of council chairman

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

EMMANUEL. — Residents of this ultra-Orthodox township in the West Bank are demanding the resignation of council chairman Eli Merav following a public dispute which broke out two weeks ago when Merav appointed Natan Leibermensch as council secretary.

When the Kochav Hashomron company, which built the township, collapsed some 18 months ago amidst a conflict between British investor, Zalman Margulies, and Moshe Ehrenreich, of Bnei Brak, Leibermensch was among the few who sided with Ehrenreich.

Last week, Margulies stopped his monthly contributions to Emmanuel's *kolelim* (yeshivot in which married students receive maintenance stipends) because of the Leibermensch appointment, a local

council source has informed *The Jerusalem Post*.

Merav flew to London to try to make peace with Margulies, but the millionaire refused to see him, it was learned.

Margulies's payments to the *kolelim* were renewed when the Interior Ministry intervened to have Leibermensch dismissed from the council last week.

But the residents are now demanding that Merav resign as well.

Since his return from England a few days ago, Merav has been avoiding all contact with residents, and is unavailable for comment.

A council member told *The Post* that Merav's actions could have brought disaster to the town, for the 200 *kolelim* students — constituting half of the town's families — would have lost their main source of income had the payments from Margulies been stopped.

Cabinet to hear Beduin land claims

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

The government plans to take up the long dormant unresolved claims of the Beduin to some 1.5 million dunams of land within the next week, according to informed sources.

A plan due to be considered by the cabinet either today or next Sunday would extend to all Beduin land claimants financial compensation similar to that received by the Beduin evacuated from the Negev's Tel Makhata area. They had been moved between 1980 and 1983 to make way for new Negev Air Force base in the Northern Negev.

The rate of compensation under the new plan would be much higher than the sums offered to Beduin in the 1970s. Those sums, which one official described as "below sea level," were the equivalent of only several dollars per dunam in today's terms.

But the proposed compensation for outstanding claims may still be up to \$200 a dunam less than that offered to the Tel Makhata evacuees.

Beduin interviewed last week said claimants are sure to resist any proposal that would give them less than the Tel Makhata evacuees had received.

Some Beduin also said the new plan, which was prepared months ago but never acted upon, would not receive widespread acceptance unless Beduin could receive more land — rather than money — as part of the compensation package.

Under the Tel Makhata plan, the largest landholders, with 400 dunams or more, could be compensated with irrigated land for five per cent of their claim, or with unirrigated land for 20 per cent. Claimants of 100 to 400 dunams could receive five dunams of irrigated land, and claimants of under 100 dunams only financial compensation.

Today, one Beduin said, the Beduin will be more inclined to take their time and bargain for more land. Some government officials, however, are banking on just the opposite. They believe the Beduin's immediate need for money may override the inclination to bargain for more land.

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Power without responsibility

By DAVID KRIYINE

The Ernest Japhet bank has nothing to do with capitalism, though Knesset member Ya'ir Tzaban of Mapam tried to suggest it did in a television address a week ago. The State Comptroller reported a similar offence of gross over-payment to a privileged few in the Egged transport cooperative, which belongs to workers who drive its buses.

What went wrong in Bank Leumi le-Israel (BLL) is what the Supreme Court warned might go wrong in a case concerning the late Feuchtwanger bank, heard in 1984. The problem is power without responsibility. In a private company the owner is the director, and he handles his own

thing like \$1m. a year for Japhet's services.

Board member Micha Efrati of Kibbutz Geva—who does not know what it is to have a private income—thought (he says) that Japhet's salary was normal for the owner of a bank, like Rafael Recanati of Israel Discount, but it is not normal for an employed person in Israel—or any other country, other than perhaps the U.S.

The payment in fact was gratuitous. Did the shareholders authorize it? They were not asked, nor even told, because the shareholders, those who supply the bulk of the bank's capital, have no say in the

come a national institution in its own right. Under men like E.S. Hoofien and Ernest Lehmann and since the 1970's Japhet himself, it operated with tremendous effectiveness and success. The redoubtable trio—Japhet, Ya'acov Levinson (of Bank Ha'Poalim) and Daniel Recanati—worked closely with Pinhas Sapir of the Treasury. They helped finance the development of the economy.

BLL owns today NIS 1.2b. in capital, has a business turnover of NIS 35b. a year and its profits before taxes are around NIS 120m. Practically none of that belongs to the Agency, whose link with the bank is now historic, sentimental, and

he, Japhet, chaired it. He was both the general manager (called chief executive officer), to whom the board chairman gives orders, and at the same time the board chairman who gave the orders. He was at once the object of supervision and the supervisor.

The situation was not very different in the other big banks. The Recanati family, like the Trust, controls the voting shares in Israel Discount Bank, though they have contributed only a small part of its capital; so they can run both board and management themselves. Hevrat Ha'Ovdim control Bank Hapoalim but gave it a free hand. The board members it appointed—

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representatives of Histadrut factions—understood the implications of share manipulation no better than the general public and were just as stupefied by the bank crash in 1983.

Theoretically the system of one-man rule by all-powerful general managers, with ineffective control by shadow boards, runs counter to the principles of good management; but for a long time it worked. The banks moved from strength to strength, expanded overseas and functioned in the closest harmony with the Treasury, acting as its agents in the capital market.

Until the bank-share crisis. As long as business goes well nobody bothers to examine how the firm is organized. Only when things go wrong do people realize that they cannot get away with such neglect! Structural problems cannot be shelved for ever; when principles are neglected there is a price to pay. It can be dangerous to let sleeping dogs lie.

This is the first of three parts.



Rafael Recanati.



Ernest Japhet.

bank's affairs. They have—crazily—no voting rights. The situation worked in the beginning, when BLL was the Anglo-Palestine Company, but the baby grew so huge that it outlived its dependency on the mother institution. Control, that is, a majority of the voting shares, still lies with a Jewish Agency-owned organization called the Jewish Colonial Trust (OHI) which happens to be headed by Aryeh Dulzin because Dulzin happens to be chairman of the Jewish Agency. Neither the Trust nor the Agency nor Dulzin have exercised authority over BLL since anybody can remember.

How can they? What do they know about banking? BLL has been

meaningless. So who does BLL belong to, and who was Japhet's boss? His subordination to the Agency was nominal; the bank has never figured among the subsidiaries for which the Agency carries direct responsibility. The holders of ordinary shares have no vote at the annual general meeting. The Bank of Israel plays only a supervisory role, as it does with all the country's banks. Even the Treasury can plead innocence because the bank is not a government company.

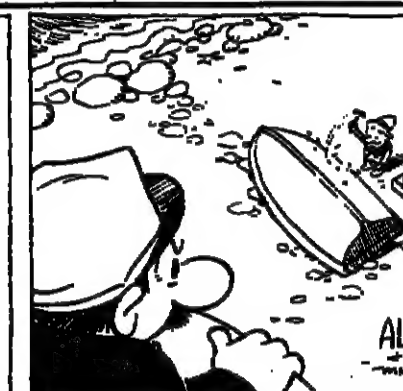
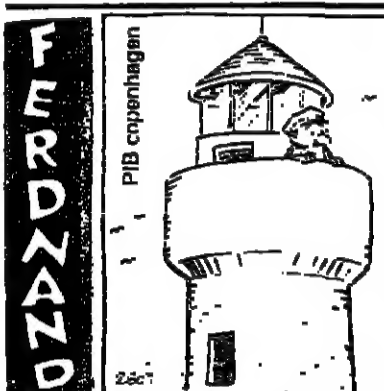
The ownership of BLL is a vacuum and Japhet filled that vacuum. The board of directors was not a shareholders' board; it was his board. For all intents and purposes, he and Dulzin chose its members and

No one, even in his wildest dreams, would suggest that competing Israeli companies offered anything like \$1m. a year for Japhet's services.

money. Public companies work with what the Americans call OPM (other people's money). Laws and regulations exist in most countries to ensure that those who spend OPM (the boards of directors) are controlled by and responsible to those who own it (the shareholders). That does not always happen in Israel.

When the board of BLL agreed to raise their chief executive's salary to something like \$1 million a year, a decision which determined broadly how much pension and severance pay he would get, the crucial question was: whose money were they giving away? If the money belongs to the shareholders and if the board are the shareholders' nominees, they will pay money only if they have to, and no more than they have to.

Should the board need an outstandingly good manager, they will pay what it costs, and that may be a large sum. But the sum will be no larger than the best offer by other firms that want this individual on their staff. No one, even in his wildest dreams, would suggest that competing Israeli companies offered any-



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MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/Stephen Hughes

Bourse in search of a booster

Arab financial leaders have agreed greater freedom and diversity are needed to promote stock exchanges and spur investment in the Arab world, according to delegates at a recent meeting called by the Union of Arab Stock Exchanges (UASE).

The meeting, attended by 50 bankers, brokers and businessmen, also agreed that flourishing stock exchanges could help overcome the crisis caused by the oil price slump.

Officials from stock exchanges in Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia and Bahrain attended the meeting.

After discussing obstacles to stock trading, delegates said the consensus was that the main problems were lack of coordination and cooperation between exchanges, differences in regulations and terminology used, and restrictions on the nationality of traders.

Delegates said huge amounts of

Arab funds were invested in the West partly because there was no outlet for them in other Arab countries where trading in stocks is restricted to nationals.

They said Arab stock exchanges lacked diversity. The Tunis exchange lists only 47 companies and Casablanca's only 80.

But officials from these exchanges said an upsurge in business was expected this year as their governments divested their portfolios to private interests.

Ali Bouzidi, director of the Tunis exchange which traded over \$40 million worth of stocks last year, said privatization in the next three or four years would boost business.

Abderrazak al-Araki, director of the Casablanca exchange which also did \$40m. of business this year, said this was a record mainly because government bonds were being quoted.

Kuwait has the largest exchange in the Arab world with daily turnover

of between eight and \$25m., according to its director-general Khaleel al-Khorafi, who is also UASE president.

He said the Gulf states were keenly interested in quoting Western multinationals to stimulate their stock exchanges, help them diversify and boost their prestige.

The meeting recommended UASE aid for new exchanges in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and the Sudan, the drafting of standard terminology for all Arab exchanges, and technical training seminars for operatives.

It was also proposed to open an exchange to nationals from other Arab states and promote joint interest in Arab investment companies quoted on one exchange but open to subscribers from other Arab states.

Recommendations for reforms will be submitted to Arab central bank governors, who founded the UASE.

(Reuter)

EXECUTIVE CHANGES/Michal Yudelman

Van Zyl to head SA tourism board

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
BERTUS VAN ZYL has been appointed manager of the Israel office of the South African Tourism Board (SATB), replacing David Rosam.

Van Zyl, who spent the past three years in the board's New York office, and before that, two years in Chile told reporters last week that Israel was the fourth largest source of tourism to South Africa, after England, Germany and the U.S. While tourism from other countries decreased significantly in 1986, tourism from Israel to South Africa increased by 3 to 5 per cent.

Two outside directors have recently been named to the board of the Israel Electric Corporation: Dr. Eliezer Kaufman, 42, and Moshe Cohen, 39. The tenure of Avraham Goldwasser a board member for the past six years, was extended for three more years.

The United Mizrahi Bank board of directors last week approved the following executive appointments

effective February 1: Reuven Adler as senior deputy general manager in charge of branch profitability departments, deposits and treasury; David Ulmer as senior deputy general manager in charge of the bank's North American interests; Elyah Unger as vice general manager in charge of organization, administration and planning; David Blumberg as senior deputy general manager in charge of the credit section and credit policy; Yitzhak Dackman as vice general manager in charge of coordination regional administration, and Yeraach Nissan as senior deputy general manager in charge of subsidiaries.

Tnuva has made Haim Regav, former marketing deputy general manager of the Shalom Stores, head of textile, clothing and shoes for the Hypermarket chain (Hyperbuck). A graduate of Tel Aviv University's Social Science Faculty, Regav studied business administration at the Hebrew University.

For the second time Dr. Shmuel Perlman has been reappointed chairman of the Israel Dental Union, a post he took up in 1978. Perlman is also chairman of the union's Tel Aviv branch.

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BASKETBALL

Maccabi retain chance

By DON GOULD
TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv suffered the agony of defeat and enjoyed the ecstasy of victory during the 26-hour time span of their back-to-back games against Zalgiris Kaunas last week in Brussels.

After their eight point loss to the Soviet champions on Wednesday evening, they came right back to climb the heights to a stunning seven point victory on the following evening. Not to be lost in the emotional swing that took place over such a short period of time is the fact that they came out of the two days of battle still clinging to at least a mathematical chance to make it the finals of the European Cup.

What were the factors that led to the great comeback of Maccabi? The answer to both questions can be found undoubtedly with the players. Tactically the team made very few changes, but they raised the intensity of their play several notches.

More passes found their way inside; Johnson and Magee were able to cause more problems to the Soviet big men marking them. Sabonis got in early foul trouble and had to sit on the bench for a long period of time; when he played, he couldn't be as tough as usual. Valdemara Chomich, who buried Maccabi with 46 points the first night and who said

afterwards that it was the game of his life, was unable to come even close to repeating the performance on Thursday evening, totalling only eight points for the contest. Maccabi's defence worked much harder at helping each other out, so that everything wasn't one on one.

Offensively, Doron Jamchee continued to hit as he had the night before, but, since Johnson and Magee got the ball more often, they too were able to contribute, thus distributing the scoring load more evenly and making the Soviet defence work harder. Jamchee and Magee each had 25 points, while Lee Johnson chipped in with 17. On both nights Magee and Johnson out-rebounded the Soviets.

But that there is precious little solid tactical or strategic thinking going on in the Maccabi camp was evident on the most basic of planes late in Thursday night's game.

Maccabi were heading for their wonderfully dramatic victory, and the coaching squad might well be forgiven for having been caught up in the excitement. Nonetheless, a critical error was committed in the final minute when Kevin Magee was fouled. Although Shimon Mizrahi, the Maccabi manager, yelled for Magee to go the foul line to try to put in two important points, instructions from coach Zvi Sherf inexplicably

led to Maccabi taking the ball from the side line.

It was a sad mistake. Maccabi may come to rue the fact that in the two game aggregate with Kaunas they ended up one point shy. Having been beaten by eight points on Wednesday their aim should have been not merely to win but if the possibility existed — and certainly it did — to have won by at least nine on Thursday.

Their confidence might have been sapped by the previous defeats and the pasting to which they have been subjected by sports fans and almost the entire sporting press. True, also, they had the terrible memory of their last season's defeat in France the previous week bedevilling them. But at that stage they were certain of their victory.

Doron Jamchee did pop in two points in the closing seconds — yet he had a chance to try for a three-pointer — but responsibility for ending one point short of eight must be laid at the coach's door.

While Maccabi were turning to their stalwart performances in Brussels, Bob MacAdoo was spearheading Tracer Milano to a narrow triumph (75-73) over Real Madrid in Italy. There was yet another home court victory, and incidentally the first defeat of the competition for the surprise packet of the final pool Orthen, when Zinedine Zidane bested the French champions in



SABRA SUPERSTAR. Try him in a new position. (Guthmann)

another low scoring encounter. The scoreline in Yugoslavia was 70-64.

YUGOSLAVIA WAS 70-66.

FINAL POOL STANDINGS

	P	W	L	PP	PA	Pts	
1. Orthen	4	4	0	1	322	307	7
2. Milano	4	3	1	1	320	296	7
3. Kaunas	4	2	2	0	306	302	7
4. Maccabi	4	2	2	0	410	414	7
5. Zadar	4	1	3	1	314	333	4
6. Real	4	1	3	0	335	340	5

Maccabi Tel Aviv play host to Real Madrid on Thursday but, before that, they will have a tough National League encounter tomorrow night against Hapoel Holon in Holon.

The rest of tomorrow night's schedule: Hapoel Haifa visit Elitzur Netanya; Bnei Herzliya visit Hapoel Ramat Gan; Hapoel Eilat visit Hapoel Tel Aviv; Hapoel Givat Ze'ev visit Maccabi Haifa.

SOCCER

Youth team draw with Kiwis

AUCKLAND (AP). — Israeli Moshe Eisenberg continues to haunt the New Zealand youth soccer team.

The dazzling little striker scored a hat trick in Israel's 4-2 win over New Zealand in the Oceania Youth Series in Sydney two years ago.

And he was back in action with a goal at Auckland's M.T. Smart Stadium yesterday as New Zealand and Israel battled out a rugged 1-1 draw in the opening round of this year's tournament.

New Zealand took an early lead through a superb Steve Donoghue free kick after just seven minutes but Eisenberg grabbed the equalizer late in the first half with a header from a free kick.

Eisenberg was in superb form with his ball skills in a match that overshadowed the earlier game won 7-0 by Australia over Fiji.

Australia is favoured to win this tournament and gain a place in the World Series Cup Final in Chile later this year.

Israel comes into this tournament as the best prepared side after leaving the Northern hemisphere season just last week.

They recently completed an annual tournament at home where they beat Switzerland, Denmark and Cyprus before losing to Romania.

New Zealand, on the other hand, have had just two warm-up matches last week since wrapping up their 1986 season.

The tournament resumes tomorrow when Fiji meets Chinese Taipei and Australia plays Israel in a match that will be vital to the outcome of the event. New Zealand have a second round bye.



KIWI DESTROYER. Moshe Eisenberg. (Guthmann)

Bright moments

By PAUL KOHN
TEL AVIV. — Lively second half action at the YMCA stadium in Jerusalem and in the last three minutes of play at Yavne saved the weekend's Toto Cup soccer from total ennui. Many more people took to the beaches to enjoy the summer-like sunshine than sat through soporific soccer that has failed to rouse public interest.

Maybe because the beach is a bit far away or perhaps because Bnei Yehuda were playing in town, nearly a thousand football fans did turn up at YGKA. They were rewarded with six goals. Bnei Yehuda drew 3-3 with Maccabi Jaffa, after the visitors led 3-0 in the 65th minute. Menashe Mizrahi and Yossi Levi scored in the first half, and Shlomo Alkolombro added the third Jaffa goal. Until then Bnei Yehuda seemed not to be trying, as if to indicate to their coach and club management that they would prefer to be sunbathing.

But then they apparently decided that the pride of Jerusalem was at

stake, and Uri Maimilian, Eli Olan and Yacov Schwartz decided in the last 25 minutes to move up a gear. Schwartz netted in the 68th minute and Ohana and Avi Cohen scored two more in the last ten minutes.

The Yavne fans, who left the ground five minutes before the end already conceding defeat to Maccabi Tel Aviv, must have decided that their own team was better off than the match ended in a 3-3 draw. Benny Tishak had given Tel Aviv their 1-0 lead, and Alon Nathan with a brilliant solo effort made it 2-0 in the 58th minute. Until then the Yavne side had missed half a dozen golden scoring chances, having peppered the visitors' goalkeeper and posts. Finally, in the last two minutes Yavne came through with goals by David Velozo and Eitan Azubel.

It was a sunny day for Yavne Kapitan, a Shimon reserve player. He was brought on in the 72nd minute and two minutes later cracked a 25th shot over the advancing Avir Run to give his team a 1-0 win over Maccabi Haifa, who are still having goalkeeping troubles. One 190 people saw the game at the Winter stadium.

Another reserve player to shoot the winner was Omer Avital in Hapoel Pith Tivra's 1-0 win over Bnei Yehuda. A larger crowd of about 1,800 saw Hapoel Be'er Sheva inflict the first defeat in seven games on Hapoel Tel Aviv, a fourth minute goal by Amir Azubel sealing the victory. Second half supremacy is reflected by Tel Aviv to produce the necessary goals.

Toto Cup (after five rounds)

Section A						
Hapoel Pith Tivra	3	1	1	6	4	10
Maccabi Netanya	3	1	1	7	7	8

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Maccabi	3	1	1	6	4	10
2. Bnei Yehuda	2	2	1	7	7	8
3. Hapoel	1	3	1	5	4	6
4. Hapoel	1	2	3	5	4	6

Section B						
Bnei Yehuda	2	2	1	7	7	8
Maccabi	3	1	1	6	4	10

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Shikmona	4	1	1	10	4	12
2. Kfar Sava	3	1	1	9	4	10
3. Maccabi	2	2	1	4	7	6
4. Bnei Yehuda	1	4	6	15	1	1

Section C						
Maccabi Pith Tivra	3	1	1	6	4	10
Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	1	1	7	7	8

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Maccabi	2	2	1	9	7	8
2. Maccabi	2	2	1	3	5	7
3. Bnei Yehuda	1	3	1	6	3	6
4. Maccabi	1	2	3	7	10	5

Section D						
Hapoel Lod	3	1	1	6	4	10
Maccabi Jaffa	3	1	1	7	7	8

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Hapoel	3	1	1	6	4	10
2. Maccabi	2	2	1	10	8	9
3. Bnei Yehuda	2	1	2	7	6	5
4. Hapoel	1	1	2	7	8	4

Section E						
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	0	0	10	4	12
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Hapoel	3	1	1	12	3	10
2. Bnei Yehuda	2	1	1	2	6	7
3. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4
4. Hapoel	1	1	2	3	5	4

SECOND DIVISION

Toto Cup (after four rounds)						
Section A						
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	0	0	10	4	12
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Hapoel	2	2	0	5	1	8
2. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4
3. Hapoel	1	1	2	5	8	4
4. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	3	6	3

Section B						
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	0	0	10	4	12
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Hapoel	3	1	1	11	2	10
2. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4
3. Bnei Yehuda	1	2	1	3	5	5
4. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	3	3	7	3

Section C						
Maccabi Be'er Sheva	4	0	0	10	4	12
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Shikmona	3	1	1	10	4	12
2. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4
3. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	3	5	4
4. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	3	5	4

Section D						
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	0	0	10	4	12
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1. Hapoel	3	1	1	12	3	10
2. Bnei Yehuda	2	1	1	2	6	7
3. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4
4. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	3	5	4

Section E						
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	0	0	10	4	12
Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	5	8	4

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1. Hapoel	3	1	1	12	3	10
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4. Bnei Yehuda	1	1	2	3	5	4

TENNIS

Seeds triumph according to form

MELBOURNE (AP). — Israel's Amos Mansdorf and his partner Huub van Boeckel (Netherlands) won down 6-7, 7-5, 6-1 in the second round of the men's doubles in the Australian Open here to Jacob Hasek and Sherwood Stewart.

Second-seeded Hana Mandlikova became the first player to advance into the fourth round of the women's singles. Mandlikova, who recently announced she is seeking Australian citizenship, scored an easy 6-3, 6-2 victory over Anne Smith of the United States. Mandlikova won in Brisbane earlier this month.

"It was a very difficult match because it was so windy," Mandlikova said. "My service suffered. I was pleased because I felt I was very concentrated."

Defending champion Martina Navratilova romped to a 6-2, 6-1 triumph over fellow-American Alice Benjamin. No. 3 Pam Shriver of the United States also powered her way to victory.

Shriver, 24, was never in any trouble as she defeated young Una Benach of South Africa 6-2, 6-4.

Top seed Ivan Lendl and his great rival Boris Becker powered their way into the last 16 of the men's singles.

Lendl scored a 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 third round triumph over American Matt Anger to clinch a meeting with NCAA champion Dan Goldie (U.S.).

Two-time Wimbledon champion Becker, the second seed, downed his

friend and doubles partner Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia 6-3, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Rookie pro Goldie upset 16th seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India 3-6, 7-5, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2 in impressive style.

Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia, the sixth seed, defeated South African Gary Muller 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

World number one Lendl, bidding to win a Grand Slam event on grass for the first time, was highly critical of the surface on the outside court where he faced Anger.

"It was like a parking lot," said the 26-year-old U.S. Open champion.

Becker's match against Zivojinovic was a real crowd pleaser, with the two friends clearly enjoying their confrontation.

Other winners: Stefan Edberg; Andrei Jerzyk; Wally Masur.

Tournament officials announced that Australian Davis Cup star Pat Cash, the 11th seed in the men's singles, has been fined \$300 for uttering an audible obscenity in his four-set, second-round victory over Claudio Pistolesi of Italy on Thursday. The fiery Cash eventually won 7-5, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Other results: Jo Durie (14), Britain, def. Judith Polk, Austria, 6-1, 6-4. Catarina Lindqvist (10), Sweden, def. Marie-Christine Collé, France, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. Sylvia Hanika, West Germany, def. Akiko Kijimata, Japan, 6-3, 6-3.

Icy fortunes

By JACK LEON

Israel's Hana Berger had mixed fortunes last week at the \$10,000 Women's Tennis Association indoor tournament in Iceland. Hana Berger, losing 6-3, 6-2 to Holland's Tita Wijk, was in second-round singles play, but then teaming up with the Dutch girl to reach the doubles semi-finals, where they lost.

Unseeded Berger and Wilmet scored straight-set doubles victories over two Swedish pairs, before going out 7-5, 7-5 to their top-seeded Czech opponents.

Hana's teammate Yael Vitale lost in the opening round of the singles, after doing well to qualify for the main draw.

Berger — who was seeded No. 2 in singles in Helsinki — and Vitale are this week competing in Stockholm, the second leg of the WTA's \$40,000 Scandinavian circuit of four indoor tournaments.

NBA Nonpareil

NEW YORK (AP). — Having played with and against Michael Jordan, Cleveland rookie Brad Daugherty thought he's already seen the best basketball player of his life.

Mr. Daugherty, meet Larry Bird. "Now I've played against (Michael) Jordan and all the others, but Bird is the best of all I've played against in my life. He works hard. He was my vote for MVP," said the first-year center.

Bird, the NBA's most valuable player in each of the last three seasons, scored 35 points on Friday night to go along with 38 from teammate Kevin McHale, but it was barely enough to give the Celtics 133-128 overtime victory over the rookie-laden Cavaliers.

Elsewhere, it was Houston 112, Detroit 106; Dallas 124, Milwaukee 122 in overtime; Seattle 134, Denver 100; and Golden State 115, Los Angeles Clippers 106.

RUGBY

TEL AVIV. — Bnei Yehuda crushed Technion-Kiryat Bialik 29-9 in a National League rugby game at the Sports Center yesterday, this being their fourth win and making them the league's only undefeated team. They owed their victory to several tries by Jonathan Shuck.

Also at the Sports Center, Gali Hadyan pushed through a weak ASA Tel Aviv defense to win 18-7.

Kibbutz Jotza, fielding 12 players, erupted with 21 points in the final ten minutes to defeat Ashdod 31-9. At the time the score was 10-9, and remained unchanged until the fireworks were sparked by full-back Omer Hadyan with a penalty goal, followed by two tries by Yoram Rosenberg.

Jotza's last score came in the side than any other team.

CAESAREA GOLF

CAESAREA. — The second round of Israel's four-round tournament resulted on Friday in a win in the A Division for 6 handicap Motti Cohen of Or Akiva with a one-over-par 74 net.

The B Division winner was Oded Milberg (handicap 17) with a 70 net.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yoram Kessel.

COMMENT

By PHILIP GILLON
and YORAM KESSEL

Desperate measure

Despite Maccabi Tel Aviv's inspiring victory over Zalgiris Kaunas on Thursday night, it is clear that the team is in a parlous condition. The win in Brussels was achieved by grit and determination, the players reacting to Maccabi's desperate plight, and to the knowledge of the widespread disillusion about them back home. But these qualities alone cannot produce the string of successes needed now to get Maccabi into the final.

Some radical move is called for, some drastic reorganization. We have a suggestion what this could be: move Mickey Berkowitz to point guard instead of Chen Lippin and bring Howie Lassoff or Greg Cornelius into the starting.

There is a tendency in Israel to write Berkowitz off as too old for the European Cup. Certainly he is no longer as speedy, agile and accurate on the fast breaks and in lay-ups as he used to be. His trouble is that he is trying to duplicate the kind of game he was able to play with such success in his prime, when he was considered to be one of the best players in Europe. Now he finds himself, sometimes with a look of incredulity on his face, just that half-a-pace short that enables opponents to catch him or to prevent him from scoring. He just does not have the same legs.

There is no reason, however, to treat the finest sabra basketball genius produced by Israel as an old has-been who should be put out to pasture. What should be done instead is to change his position in the team, so as to get the best use out of the immense natural talents he undoubtedly still possesses.

If he were to be used as a point guard he would not need to be all that fast. Ever since the retirement of Tal Brodie, Maccabi have been in dire need of a point guard who can either break through and shoot or can shoot from a distance if left alone. Being unable to do so was always Motti Aroesti's only weakness. Chen Lippin has played some fine games, and he scored two great three-pointers against Zalgiris, but he cannot shoot as Berkowitz can. And he is too short to defend well against tall opponents, despite the fact that he is undoubtedly the find of the season. He has a great future; with Mickey alongside him in the squad, Chen is bound to go from strength to strength.

Berkowitz would be as dangerous a point guard as Real Madrid's great Juan Antonio Corbela or Italy's Mike D'Antonio. Opponents have had little to fear from Aroesti or Lippin, enabling them to come down with fierce concentration on Johnson and Magee. Berkowitz could alter the situation entirely and reduce the pressure on these two.

A further benefit would be that Maccabi would have four big men in their opening line-up. There is an old adage in boxing that, when a good, game, little man comes up against a good, game, big man, the latter will win. This applies equally in basketball.

It may be a far out, wild idea. But there is nothing to lose. Zvi Sherf should consider giving it a try.

CRICKET

England whip Windies

BRISBANE (AFP). — Fast bowler Graham Dilley took four for 23 as England scored a storming six-wicket victory over West Indies here yesterday in their opening match in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup.

England, who exorcised the demons of last winter's Caribbean nightmare by beating West Indies by 19 runs in Perth two weeks ago, were able to indulge themselves yesterday, bowling out their opponents for a mere 154, the lowest in the 14 limited-overs cup matches played at the ground since 1980.

England completed their success with 6.5 overs to spare when Ian Botham launched a characteristic off-drive to the fence off paceman Courtney Walsh to put England 156 for four.

Dilley bowled marvellously throughout. It was actually the sixth and last over in his first spell which proved critical to the outcome of the entire day, watched by a crowd of 13,630 who sweated in temperatures of 35° centigrade.

With his second ball of that over Dilley outlasted Richie Richardson, on 15, to drive but he succeeded only in edging the ball to Botham at slip. Two balls later England were in jubilation as West Indies captain Viv Richards also attempted a drive which went on to his stump off an inside edge. Only Desmond Haynes (48) and Garry Lane (46) offered any

resistance to Dilley and John Embrey (3 for 35). Chris Broad (49) and David Gower (42) ploughed into the West Indian fast attack with a confident array of cuts and drives.

W.I. 154, England 156 for 4.

In Bombay, India wrapped up the one-day series against Sri Lanka 4-1 by winning the last cricket international by 10 runs yesterday in a nail-biting finish.

After hitting up 299 their best-ever total in a one-day match, India prepared to have placed the Sri Lankans in a tight corner.

But the visitors devastated the Indian attack and at one stage seemed headed for victory, requiring 34 runs in 18 balls. They failed to make it.

India 299 for 4 (Mohammed Ashraffuddin 108 n.o.), Sri Lanka 259 for 7 (Roshan Maharoof 95 run out, Australia Rutherford 52).

In Durban, a chanceless century by opener Steve Smith (137) rescued the rebel Australian cricketers after a dreadful start on the first day of the third five-day match against South Africa yesterday. Perilously placed at seven for two shortly after the start, the tourists recovered to 364 all out just before the close with no time left for the South Africans, who lead the four-match series 1-0, to begin their reply. Le Roux took 4 for 33. Henry, the coloured spin bowler, took 2 for 58 in 23 overs. He dismissed Smith and Yoill.

German mayors play Eilat

By PAUL KOHN

EILAT. — Twenty German mayors left their towns last Wednesday in an Arctic freeze of minus 20° centigrade temperatures and the next day played soccer on the green grass pitch of Eilat, sweating it out in plus 25°C. Never mind that German Mayors Football Group lost 9-0 to Hapoel Eilat — the weather and 45 degrees differential after a four hours direct flight here was the talk of their towns.

While the Mayors came to Eilat specially to play soccer, other sportsmen here were windsurfing in an international Board Sailing event, watched from the beach by hundreds of topless lasses from the North, already flaunting their all-over tans in January. They were also bathing, scuba-diving, snorkelling and water skiing or leisurely sailing glass-bottom boats to watch the beautiful Red Sea fish. Europe may be all white just now, but Eilat provided every colour under the sun this week.

The Burgomeisters and their wives, a group of 43, came from the Easting region of Germany, near Stuttgart. They play together about 15 times a year for various charities. None of their municipalities spent

even one Deutschmark for their eight-day trips to Israel. But sponsorship and discounts by El Al and hotels reduced costs.

On the field, some soccer-playing Mayors could not hide the results of *bräuturicht* and *sauerkraut*. Others were bespectacled, grey-haired or balding. Their ages ranged from 35 to 52, and they played an Eilat team less than half their age, who played as if their position in Israel's 4th Division depended on it. "This is a bit too hot for us," said Mayor Ortmar Ehmhardt of Wolfsburg, as he wiped the perspiration from this brow. But the mayors were just as keen as their hosts.

The Eilatists proffered cold soft drinks to the Mayors and their ladies, but I suspect that iced beer would have been preferred by most of them.

The trip to Israel was their first outside of Germany as a soccer team, and they came with all their soccer gear, flags and champagne-bottles, which they presented to Hapoel Eilat. The mayors will play today against El Al at Lod and against the Jerusalem Municipality team at the YMCA on Tuesday. Their trip was the brainwave of tour operator Alexander Lourie.

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The Miller case revisited

IT now emerges that Shoshana Miller, the American Reform convert whose application for an identity card led to a mini cabinet crisis and the resignation of Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz as minister of the interior, may remain in the U.S. She returned to her hometown of Colorado Springs at the height of the political controversy stirred by her application.

The local Reform rabbi told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that he offered Mrs. Miller her previous cantorial job and he indicated it was likely that she would accept it.

Such a decision would not be unusual as the record of aliya from the U.S. shows. The percentage of immigrants whose good intentions prevail over the hard knocks of adjustment to Israeli life has always been low. Therefore, in this regard Ms. Miller's private choice cannot be singled out as a public matter. She is, unfortunately, in good company.

What is, however, fit for public scrutiny and public comment is the wisdom of the Reform Movement in selecting her to test Israeli law, Israeli politics and Israeli nerves. For it is now also plain that Ms. Miller's campaign to be registered as a Jewish citizen in Israel after a Reform conversion was orchestrated by the Reform Movement. In fact, her case is only one of a number of such applications the Movement says it has planned.

For all those, including this newspaper, who support the cause of religious freedom for Jews—and not only non-Jews—in Israel, such an effort by the Reform Movement must be considered legitimate and even overdue.

But what is not legitimate, or at least ill-advised, is the decision to set Israelis against each other over the fate of a person whose commitment to remain in Israel is ambivalent. At worst this is deception; at best it is foolish.

The contest over religious pluralism in Israel, for Jews, is a contest over the character of Israeli society and the nature of the Israeli polity. Its protagonists can only be those who have high stakes in its outcome—Israelis.

To wage that contest from afar, or to wage it over a person who has no high stake because he chooses to live elsewhere is to abuse the energies and values of those mobilized in support of his cause, by turning that cause into a pretense.

The Reform Movement, by its presence in Israel, like the Conservative Movement, has full right to participate in the religious contest. But it also has an obligation to match good ends with good means. That obligation is more than a matter of virtue. It is also a matter of practical wisdom.

For if this movement wishes to retain the support and goodwill of Israelis who are prepared to align with it in specific instances of legal and political dispute with rabbinic authority and its allies, it cannot afford to dissipate that goodwill by contriving, or falling into bogus disputes.

STABBED

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The order to close stores was later rescinded by Tat-Nitzav Yosef Yehuda, commander of the Jerusalem District. Commenting on the recurring stabbings in the Old City, Yehuda said that "even if we put two full battalions of guards inside the walls, we wouldn't be able to stop someone with a knife. The only solution is to catch the perpetrators."

Leah Azulai, her face and legs stained by blood, took police investigators to the exact scene of the stabbing.

Speaking from his bed in Bikur Holim, Avi, a 24-year-old taxi driver, said that he had not been able to catch a glimpse of his attackers. His first indication of the attack had been when he heard his brother call out "knives" and then he saw that he was covered with blood.

As soon as the stabbing took place, he added, all those around him, Jews and Arabs alike, fled from the scene. The two brothers, seeing no police or Border Police, ran out of the Old City through the Damascus Gate. They passed many tourists and shopkeepers but did not seek help from them.

Outside Damascus Gate, Avi said, he tried to call for help, but no car would stop for him. Finally, he said, he forced a car to stop by standing in the middle of the street. But at the same time, a Border Police vehicle appeared and shortly afterwards an ambulance took him to hospital.

An Arab youth who was beaten near the New Gate suffered light injuries and was treated at Magen David Adom after lodging a complaint with the police.

Later police arrested four Musrara residents who had attacked a group of Arab youths. The Arabs had been walking back to the Old City from police headquarters in the Russian compound, having just been released from their detention after the stabbing.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek, who visited Avi Ohayon, faced a steady barrage of hostile comments from hospital visitors who told the mayor that the Jews should repay the Arabs in kind or expel the Arabs from the country.

IRAQ

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saying 500 Iraqis were killed or wounded when an Iraqi counterattack to retake lost positions in the area was beaten back.

Teheran's official news agency, Irna, reported that in the southern sector of the 1,180 km. battlefield the Iraqis "took complete control" of the strategic Buzurj Island in the Shatt al-Arab waterway after a 36-hour battle.

Iraq's official news agency quoted an unidentified general in Basra as saying that all Iranian attempts to break out of the bridgehead have been beaten back, with 50,000 Iraqis killed or wounded.

The Iraqis claim they have killed and wounded more than 30,000 Iraqis in the fighting, the heaviest since the Faw battles last year.

There was no way to verify the claims as both sides rarely allow correspondents to the front. But Western analysts estimate Iran has suffered some 40,000 casualties since an abortive December 24 thrust across the Shatt al-Arab, and the Iraqis around 10,000.

Iranian casualties usually run at three times those of Iraq because of their human-wave frontal assaults on the deeply entrenched Iraqi positions that bristle with artillery, tanks and rocket-launchers. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. needs to start peace process

Asher Maniv

LET IT NOT be said that Israel is doing nothing to break the deadlock in the peace process. Our prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, has a plan; a wonderful plan worthy of being registered in the patent office. He calls on Jordan to make peace with Israel—and leave everything as it is. Sign a peace treaty and preserve the very same *status quo* which in Arab eyes is the reason for the state of war. Such a simple solution. Undoubtedly a sign of genius.

Like all Israeli prime ministers before him, Mr. Shamir invites Jordan's King Hussein to direct the negotiations. But unlike his predecessors, he declares at the same time (in a different speech): "The Camp David accords were the last concessions by Israel. There will be no further concessions. We shall not give up one gram of our rights."

What Mr. Shamir did not add was that had it been up to him, there would have been no Camp David either; he was against any concessions even then.

But never mind the past. Right now, what is important to Shamir is to prove that not only Shimon Peres can take peace initiatives. All the same, make sure they cannot be accepted.

For why on earth should Hussein sign a peace treaty in order to get

exactly what he already has—without having to jeopardize his throne, without having to compromise himself in the eyes of his fellow-Arabs, without officially signing away what in his eyes are Arab territories?

Mr. Shamir, of all people, replies in what sounds like some kind of vulgar Marxism: economic advantages. If there were peace between our two countries, he says, the region could progress towards magnificent economic development. No doubt it could. The question is, however, whether Mr. Shamir would be willing to give up his ideals for material advantages. If not, why expect it from the other side?

BUT OF COURSE, Mr. Shamir and his colleagues do not really expect anything of the kind. On the contrary, they are well content with the deadlock as it is. Progress in the peace process would necessarily mean some change in the *status quo*, some concessions—which is exactly what Mr. Shamir has pledged never to agree to.

The question whether continuing deadlock for any length of time is a feasible policy does not bother Mr. Shamir and the Israeli right too much. After all, they have never excelled in learning the lessons of history.

Not so very long ago, *status quo* was the highest policy aim, and the ruling ideology, not only on the

Then came the rude awakening of the Yom Kippur War. For there are situations which the side opposed to the *status quo* simply cannot put up with, even if all the military considerations predict defeat. An explosion to break the impasse is thus inevitable.

In any case, from an Israeli point of view, continuing deadlock would be desirable only if we could hope to get better conditions at the end of it. This, however, is by no means certain. On the contrary, a good case can be made proving that militarily, time is against us. We shall not make that case now but it is, to say the least, reckless and irresponsible not to take such a possibility into account.

Yet, this is exactly what our "statesmen" seem to be doing. Otherwise, it is hard to understand why, ever since Mr. Peres's final feverish spurt of activity just before the rotation, everybody seems to have settled down to a quiet and leisurely do-nothing policy.

Even the very limited mission of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy was greeted here by a kind of derisive scepticism. "A senior source" was reported in this newspaper as saying that Murphy "would not revive the peace process"; it was "non-existent and dead." And you could almost see the self-satisfied smirk of the "senior source."

The trouble is, of course, that our

deadlock stalwarts can always depend on most Arab states, and especially on the PLO, to reject any Israeli peace initiative, even if it is a genuine one. They, too, do not understand that peace, as well as Arab objectives, can only be achieved by compromise. What remains, then, is for a third power, i.e., the U.S., not only to take the initiative, but to push it, Kissinger-like, to overcome all obstacles.

ONCE UPON a time, a very long while ago, many of us, Jews and Arabs, liked to believe that we would be able to arrive at a better settlement of the conflict if there were no interference from an "imperialist" Great Power. Unfortunately, realistic assessment of the Middle East situation does not support such an assumption. That may be regrettable, but it is a fact of life.

Yet the U.S. itself seems to be rather wary of taking any kind of initiative at the present moment. What with Iran, the Contras and all the rest, the Reagan administration apparently does not want another failure. But the same argument can also be reversed. Nothing could restore the image of the Reagan administration as much as having some success in one of the world's major trouble-spots—even if it were only a limited resumption of the peace process.

In order to achieve a recognizable step forward, the U.S. would prob-

ably have to go beyond routine diplomatic rhetoric; but at this stage, there is not even a need for anything entirely novel. Such a move would do well to include some of the features of the Reagan initiative of September 1982, accept the idea of an international conference (in principle), and accord the Palestinians appropriate representation at the talks (with at least the quiet approval of the PLO).

On all these points, of course, there is sharp division between the Likud and Labour constituents of the present government. If this is the price we have to pay, so be it. Surely peace is more important than the coalition.

But here we come to a difficult point. What really seems to prevent the Reagan administration from taking such an initiative is not so much the fear of failure, or even its internal troubles, but its desire not to upset the Israeli political apparatus with Mr. Shamir at its head. Maybe it also has a definite preference for the Likud (certainly as a partner for economic policies).

If so, chances for the peace process look bleak. The harm such a situation does to both Israel and America is another matter. Let us only hope that the inevitable explosion after the deadlock will not surprise us again.

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Histadrut and unreality

Zalman Shoval

THE PRESENT crisis at Solel Boneh may have some specific reasons of its own, but essentially it is symptomatic of the profound malaise affecting large parts of the Histadrut's economic empire—a malaise which, under certain circumstances, could lead to the empire's ultimate downfall.

Few Histadrut enterprises have in recent months been spared some financial or organizational difficulties of the gravest order; looking, for instance, at Koor, Israel's big Histadrut-owned industrial concern, what immediately stands out is that few of the firms in the group are making money, not to mention the huge debt burden with which many of them are saddled.

However, the crisis endangering the Histadrut is not just an economic or financial one—it is conceptual and ideological.

Today's Histadrut economy faces the question of whether in its present form it can go on existing—and if yes, for what purpose?

The recent labour unrest at the Alliance tire plant is a good example of the quandary in which the Histadrut finds itself. Here we had the management hiring security guards to protect the plant against violence by the workers, but both workers and management are Histadrut members, and thus, indirectly the owners of the struck plant!

The Histadrut's problem is double-edged: the inherent contradiction in being an employer and a trade union at the same time and the inability of the different companies under its roof to raise vitally-needed capital under the present structure. It must be added that without substantially enlarging its capital resources, the future of the Histadrut must be considered as less than assured.

THIS IS not the time and place to analyse the checkered history of the economic activities of the Israeli Labour Movement; but even if we accept that the Histadrut played a special and unusual role in building our economic foundations in pre-

state days—as well as enhancing the share of the working-class in the economy (both aims furthered to no small degree by the capital of private Jewish enterprise in and outside Palestine)—we must ask ourselves what role the Histadrut is fulfilling today?

All the rather sanctimonious talk about "a more just and egalitarian society," so dear to Histadrut officials (especially when defending some of their own entrenched privileges), does not sound very convincing, considering that the Histadrut's own contribution to the advancement of this aim has not been very impressive in recent years (actually, employees in many Histadrut firms, both in industry and in financial services, are often disadvantaged compared to those in the private sector). What's more, as Ben-Gurion pointed out—in reality there is no such thing as complete equality.

Ben-Gurion thought that everyone should have equal opportunities and rights, but he didn't hold with the artificial equation between one person and another, between the more and the less productive and between different professions.

In the long run, social advancement in modern society can only be achieved if it relates to economic facts and is a function of economic success and prosperity. Economic success cannot be maintained unless based upon such things as market forces, the efficient allocation of resources, competition, increased productivity, etc. Furthermore, there must be a work morality based on a clear and accepted definition of the roles of labour and management, and their respective rights and duties.

There also must be a wage policy which takes into account the performance of the company and the worker's or manager's individual contributions.

This doesn't sound very socialistic, but a healthy economy has very little to do with socialism (as both the Chinese and the Russians have found).

WITHOUT WANTING to belittle past achievement, one must ask what qualities the workers' society possesses today?

READERS' LETTERS

A GREAT WOMAN RABBI

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — My thanks to Rabbi Pinhas Peli for the well-deserved tribute he paid to Nehama Leibowitz in his *Tora Today* column of January 2. I will not repeat the attributes Rabbi Peli attaches to her, true as they are, they by no means do justice to the woman who has now become an institution.

For me, however, the name Nehama Leibowitz flashes back memories of two and a half decades back when I had the good fortune to be her student in the old "campus" of the Tel Aviv University in Abu Kabir near the Russian church.

Although the room for her class was the largest one available, it was hardly adequate to accommodate

the dozens of students who were enrolled in her course of Scriptures commentary and you literally had to be a man (or a woman) with muscles to secure a seat. Luckily, I had a loyal friend who was big and strong and just out of the IDF, who used his physical attributes as well as his army training to push his way through and secure a most coveted place for both of us.

I lost contact with Nehama for many years now and I am truly grateful to Rabbi Peli for providing me with the knowledge that she is still active the way she was. She undoubtedly is one of the "seven wonders" of modern Israel as Rabbi Peli maintains. *ad mea v'esrim!*

RACHEL CANAAN-KAPEN
West Bloomfield, Michigan.

POLICE EFFICIENCY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — We had a suitcase tied to the roof rack of our car as we headed toward Eilat Moreh for a performance of our holiday puppet production. "One for each night."

Somewhere along the wet and windy road, the suitcase blew off the roof and when we arrived at our destination, we discovered to our horror that two of the most important puppets in our show—a dog and a donkey—were missing. We got through the performance as best we could, barking and braying to repre-

sent the vanished characters, and drove back to Jerusalem in the falling rain and darkness, vainly seeking the runaway case.

Our contacts with the police in Ramallah resulted in the return of our puppets within 24 hours, the case intact and the dog and donkey unhurt. We are most grateful to the officers and staff at the Ramallah station for their courteous attention and efficiency.

ROBERT BINDER
Jerusalem.

THE FIFTH COLUMN

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Matt Nesvitsky's *Fifth Column* of December 5, "Amazed," is worth the cost of a year's subscription to your paper.

If either Israel or the United

States ever lose the ability to laugh at themselves (or each other), we are doomed.

JAMES H. GOODSON.
Dallas, Texas.

CORRECTION

The House of Dreams
A typographical error occurred in *The House of Dreams* advertisement in Friday's paper.

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